

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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NARMADA DAM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to complete Narmada Dam Project;
- (b) whether the height of the dam is also being raised; and
- (c) if so, the present status of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award, construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam is linked to the pari-passu completion of the rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) of the Project Affected Families (PAFs) and the implementation of the environmental safeguard measures. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 18.10.2000, the Sardar Sarovar Dam has been raised upto E.L. 90 m. An Action Plan has been finalized by the Narmada Control Authority (NCA) for further raising of the dam beyond 90 m and for implementation of the related rehabilitation and resettlement of the PAFs. The Action Plan, as approved by NCA, is as under:

Height of Development of all the Dam	Development of amenities and keeping in construction	civic Completion of subject
readiness	developed	to approval of Narmada
agricultural land and	Control Authority	
house plots with core	after getting the	
houses at R&R sites and	clearance of R&R and	
allotment of land and	Environment Sub-groups	
house plot to PAFs by	by	

100 m	December, 2001	June, 2002
110 m	December, 2002	June, 2003
121 m	December, 2003	June, 2004
138 m	December, 2004	June, 2005

The Canal Head Power House of the project has been completed in all respects and power generation can commence as soon as the dam is raised upto Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) i.e. 110 m. The phase-I (0 to 144.5 kms) of the Narmada Main Canal, which is off taking from Sardar Sarovar Dam, is complete in all respects. The reach from 144.5 kms to 263 kms of the Narmada Main Canal is in advanced stage of construction and the works in the reach 263 kms to 357 kms have also been commenced.